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Bynes blamed for car crash

Police seek two suspects after break-in

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HOME INVASION Police are looking for two men who invaded a home in the middle of the night on a residential street in Cole Harbour yesterday.

Two men dressed in black or grey hoodies and ski masks broke into a home on Sherwood Street through a dining room window at 3:20 a.m., demanding money and threatening the occupants with a handgun.

The suspects ran out the front door with a small amount of cash and headed towards a playground at the corner of Sherwood and Shrewsbury Road.

RCMP Cpl. Joe Taplin said the break-in and armed robbery is not believed to be random.

"Right now we believe the suspects knew which house they were heading to," Taplin said.

Those with information are asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or at crimestoppers.ns.ca.

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U.S. Politics

Star of the show



Michelle Obama, wife of U.S. Senator Barack Obama, waves as she arrives at the podium to speak at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo., last night. Barack Obama is expected to accept the Democratic presidential nomination at the four-day convention. Story, page 9

21-month sentence for beer ad actor

CHILD PORN A Toronto actor who played an outspoken Scotsman in a series of popular beer commercials was sentenced to 21 months in jail today for disseminating child pornography online.

Justice Robert Clark told Robert Smith, 43, yesterday that he will only be able to see his children under supervision once he is released from jail and that he will only be able to have access to a computer while at work.

Smith was best known for his role as the boorish Scotsman in a series of TV commercials for Alexander Keith's India Pale Ale. The brewing company pulled the ads shortly after his arrest.



Robert Smith

Province's \$166M budget surplus likely to shrink

Government's numbers don't take rising fuel costs into account

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"We do not know what the price of, for example, diesel or home heating fuel will be in the fall."

Finance minister Michael Baker

The good news is that Nova Scotia's \$166 million above budget just four months into the fiscal year.

The bad news is that number is likely to come down as it doesn't include the costs from higher gas prices.

The government released its first of three budget forecasts yesterday, and showed off a huge increase in funds, mostly due to petroleum

royalties and the federal crown share adjustment payment.

But finance minister Michael Baker warned the numbers don't take higher fuel prices into account because they just don't yet know how much effect there will be.

"We do not know what

the price of, for example, diesel or home heating fuel will be in the fall," said Baker. "It is quite possible those numbers could change."

"We are looking at ... significantly more volatility than we have seen in many years."

The province is currently projecting a surplus of \$355

million. That's even after an expense increase of about \$18 million.

The NDP immediately called for the government to put some of the money to good use. NDP MLA Graham Steele said it was striking the figures were so much higher than predicted only four months ago.

"At budget time, the government said they could no longer afford to keep the GST off electricity. And now their revenues are \$166 million dollars more than they predicted only four months

ago. That's got to be the beginning — admit they made a mistake and re-implement the reduction of GST on home heating."

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said he was surprised the government couldn't factor in fuel costs, and said the province needs to immediately work on a long-term energy strategy.

The overall expected growth of the gross domestic product remained unchanged at 1.7 per cent. The next budget forecast will hit in December.



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Superstore boasts 25 per cent locally grown produce

Hungry for local food? Loblaws, which operates the Atlantic Superstore, says 25 per cent of its produce is grown locally. Of the 500 produce items on its shelves, about 150 are home-grown fruit and vegetables. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



N.S. farmers see dip in sales

Farmers in Nova Scotia suffered a 3.6 per cent fall in sales in the first six months of the year, despite a national rise of 12.4 per cent compared to this time last year. Bluenose farmers took in \$217 million between January and June. Canada-wide, crops and livestock sales totalled \$19.9 billion.

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Teen found shot beside school

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A 16-year-old boy remains in hospital after he was found suffering from two gunshot wounds in a school soccer field Sunday night.

Police have not released the name of the victim whose injuries, they say, are not life-threatening.

No signs of the shooting remained at J.L. Ilsley High School in Spryfield yesterday morning.

Many people in the neighbourhood hadn't even heard about the incident.

A 16-year-old girl living across the street from the soccer field said she didn't know who the victim was but said she likely would when his name is released.

A man living next door to the school field didn't want his name published, but said he'd spoken to police already and told them everything he knew about the previous night's incident.

With his two small children by his side, he admit-

Victim's account

- The victim described the suspects as two men wearing hoodies.
- Const. Jeff Carr said police were interviewing the teen yesterday in hopes of gathering more information.

ted he didn't feel very safe living in the area.

"It's too close," he said, referring to the shooting.

Const. Jeff Carr with the Halifax Regional Police said the shooting happened ei-

ther in the school yard or in the immediate vicinity.

"We spoke to a number of people who heard the shots and there was a group of youth ... with him when we arrived," Carr said.

"We spoke with all of them; we don't believe it was a random act — he's known to police."

Carr said community members have no reason to be afraid because it was not a random act and was likely connected to drugs.

"It usually all leads back to drugs," he said.



A 16-year-old boy remains in hospital after he was found shot twice in the soccer field beside J.L. Ilsley High School in Spryfield Sunday night.

Search still on for missing boater

OVERBOARD Navy members from Maritime Forces Atlantic continued a search yesterday for a 27-year-old New Brunswick man reported overboard Sunday night off of Miramichi Bay.

"We deployed a Cormorant helicopter to conduct a search of the area on the northern tip of Portage Island on Miramichi Bay," said Lt. Commander Pat Jessup.

The man was on a 40-foot pleasure craft — a converted fishing vessel — Sunday evening. The search continued until dark Sunday night and resumed yesterday around 6:30 a.m.

Yesterday searchers planned to do a ground search of the shorelines of Fox Island, Portage Island and Miramichi. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Mel Boutillier, executive director of the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank, looks through some of the meat products inside the cooler yesterday. The food bank had to throw out many pounds of meat as a result of the Maple Leaf Foods recall.

Maple Leaf recall forces food bank to throw out 50 pounds of suspect meat

JON TATTIRIE
for Metro Halifax

LISTERIA The nationwide Maple Leaf meat recall has Haligonians scouring their fridges and freezers for the potentially deadly product. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has linked pre-packaged meat from the Toronto plant to an outbreak of Listeria monocytogenes that has killed four people.

Mel Boutillier, of the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank in Halifax, said they have thrown out 50 pounds of suspect meat.

"It's difficult to find replacement. We need all the meat products we can get," Boutillier said yesterday. He is also worried about catch-

Recall list

- For a complete list of recalled products, go to www.inspection.gc.ca.

ing Maple Leaf products sold under different brand names.

Boutillier is concerned about the home supplies of people who use the food bank.

"They don't have the means to go and replace (the tainted meat)," he said. "They're struggling to buy any meat."

Jackie Crichton, of the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors, said its members have been advised to remove all affected items from their shelves and compensate customers.

"They will be issuing refunds," Crichton added.

The CCGD includes the Atlantic Superstore, Sobeys and Costco. A check of local stores yesterday indicated they were offering refunds on affected meat, regardless of proof of purchase or receipt. The affected meat is marked as from Establishment 97B. That number is located near the "best before" or "packed on" dates. Contaminated food may not look or smell spoiled.

When contacted yesterday, Maple Leaf couldn't say how much affected meat had made its way to Halifax.

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Drug warning issued after inmate's death

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HEART ATTACK Halifax police yesterday issued a warning about the dangers of illicit drugs after an inmate at a federal halfway house in metro died on the weekend.

Bruce Reginald Smith, 27, of Bridgewater, died in police custody Saturday after a brief escape from the Carleton Centre at 5853 College St. around 2:30 a.m.

Staff at the centre called police when Smith and another inmate showed signs of intoxication.

When police arrived, Smith fled to an upstairs washroom and leapt out the window. He was caught and took him to hospital for cuts and scrapes but he had a heart attack and died just after 7 a.m.

The other man was arrested without incident.

Police still don't know how Smith died, but say it was likely related to drugs.

Theresa Rath, spokeswoman with the Halifax Regional Police, said an autopsy was performed Saturday, but further tests are required to determine the cause of death, adding "it

could be weeks" before results are in.

According to decision information from the National Parole Board, Smith has had a lifelong problem with drugs.

His criminal record has been continuous since 1996, including numerous violent and non-violent crimes such as uttering threats to destroy property, a masked robbery that involved a pellet gun, and threatening to blow up someone's house.

He began serving a four-year and three-month sentence May 22, 2002, for armed robbery, fraud, threats and theft and has served an additional three-year concurrent sentence for aggravated assault.

He was given a statutory release May 28, 2008.

Police reminded metro residents yesterday that the use of illicit drugs is not only illegal, "but unsafe and detrimental to your health."

They said police responded to three incidents Sunday involving people who were highly agitated, sweating profusely and experiencing an elevated heart rate "as a result of having consumed illicit drugs."

News in brief

ROBBERY Police are hunting for a man who robbed the Heritage Credit Union in Lower Sackville yesterday. At about 11:45, the robber went up to a teller, said he had a knife and demanded cash. He then took off and was last seen running towards Florence Street where

someone was waiting in a small, red sports car with some type of decal. The robber is described as Caucasian, about five-foot-six, medium build and wearing a black ball cap and jacket. Pass on info to 800-222-8477 or at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Quest University, in Squamish, B.C., is one of the most expensive in the world according to Forbes.com, charging \$24,000 Canadian per year, and offering an alternative-style education where students study just one subject at a time for 18-day blocks. Washington D.C.'s George Washington University is the most expensive at \$40,000. **METRO HALIFAX**

Melted ice likely cause of pond sinking: Official

SYDNEY TAR PONDS Two ground areas associated with the Sydney tar ponds are sinking and officials associated with the cleanup aren't sure why.

Sydney Tar Ponds Agency outgoing president Frank Potter said he believes two spots near the cooling pond have sunken as a result of melted winter ice, which was present during the final stages of the solidification and stabilization of the project.

"We think part of it was there was some ice all around the cooling pond at the time that the work was getting completed. Some of the settling is, we think, just the ice that was probably buried over at the time," he said.

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Energy plans unsuitable for Nova Scotians: MacDonald

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It turns out Premier Rodney MacDonald doesn't really support any of the federal energy plans — even his own party's.

"I haven't come out fully in support of any plan," he said yesterday.

The premier has been vocal about his opposition to Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's Green Shift plan which includes tax on carbon in exchange for income tax rebates.

MacDonald says a carbon tax will disproportionately penalize Nova

Scotians because of the province's heavy reliance on fossil fuels for home heating and electricity.

Nova Scotia Liberal MP Scott Brison challenged the premier to an energy debate last week to discuss the details of the Liberal energy plan in comparison to the Tory energy plan.

He accused MacDonald of being the prime minister's "lapdog" and speaking out against the Green Shift to remain in Stephen Harper's favour.

But yesterday, MacDonald said he doesn't necessarily support the Harper government's energy plan either.

"The big difference that I see at the present time [between party platforms], is that the federal government has indicated to us their willingness to sit down and to work through some of the regulatory issues, recognizing that Nova Scotia has unique circumstances."

Premier Rodney MacDonald

"The big difference that I see at the present time," he said. "Is that the federal government has indicated to us their willingness to sit down and to work through some of the regulatory issues, recognizing that Nova Scotia has unique circum-

stances."

Dion, however, has made it quite clear that the Green Shift plan will not allow for any special circumstances in individual provinces, he said.

Brison said he would send a second letter to the premier's office, repeat-

ing a request for his participation in an open debate about energy issues.

He says the premier is not being honest with Nova Scotians about the federal Conservative party's energy plan, which includes a cap-and-trade system and regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

He says Nova Scotians will have to pay out with a carbon tax, or a cap-and-trade system, but with Dion's plan, they'll at least benefit from income tax cuts.

MacDonald said he hasn't decided whether he'll join Brison for the debate or not.

Dock days Catch and clean



Lorenzo Clyde caught three mackerel on the Dartmouth waterfront yesterday. The eight-year-old from Dartmouth says he may even eat his catches.

Carvery joins 'very exciting' NDP race

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

The contest to replace Alexa McDonough as Halifax's federal NDP candidate is now a three-person race, with Africville activist Irvine Carvery entering the fray yesterday.

Carvery is competing with Alexis MacDonald, 31, the national chairwoman of the NDP's Participation of Women committee, and Megan Leslie, 35, a Dalhousie Legal Aid lawyer.

Carvery, a property manager with Metropolitan Regional Housing and president of the Africville Genealogical Society, says his high profile makes him the best candidate.

"It's a very important seat for the NDP to retain," he said yesterday. "People ... might not know me personally, but they know the name, they know the values that I stand for."

He said he would focus on

Other parties

- The Liberals and Conservatives have yet to put forward candidates.

affordable medication for seniors, help with university tuition for students and a national housing strategy.

"Houses are quickly something the working class and poor cannot even dream of owning here in this city."

Margie Macdonald, chairwoman of the nominating committee in Halifax, said the race is "very exciting."

"We've got three wonderful candidates," she said yesterday. "Nobody can be Alexa, but we are thrilled with what the three candidates are bringing to the contest."

The party wants a candidate in place by mid-to-late September. MacDonald said the party can choose a candidate within three days of an election call.

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Two arrested for assaulting cops

BREAK AND ENTER Halifax regional police got more than they bargained for yesterday when they responded to a break and enter on Canso Lane in Dartmouth.

A small crowd gathered outside the home when the police arrived at 2:53 p.m. One of two men who approached the pair of officers assaulted one of the cops. When the second man tried to intervene,

he too was arrested.

A 17-year-old man was charged with assaulting a police officer, uttering death threats and resisting arrest.

A 21-year-old man is charged with assaulting police, obstructing police, resisting arrest and breach of probation.

One police officer's hand was injured, and he was treated in hospital.

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Rise in oil fuels 20% rise in asphalt costs

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It seems we might as well be filling our potholes with gold.

The province released its budget forecast yesterday and one of the biggest problems threatening its coffers is asphalt.

The budget was unveiled just four months ago, but the rise in asphalt prices

since then is expected to cost the province about \$25 million this year.

The province originally planned to spend \$182 million on highways, but when the updated numbers were shown yesterday that amount had risen by about 20 per cent. And it's not because they're making new routes.

"This doesn't mean we are building or repairing more roads. It just means that

costs are rising for work already slated," said Finance Minister Michael Baker.

Staff said asphalt prices have risen because the oil used to make it has gotten more expensive. This results in the government having to shell out more for construction contracts.

Also, oil prices are calculated in U.S. dollars, so if the loonie drops in value it means the province ends up paying more for fuel.

News in brief

HANDBOOK A new IWK Health Centre handbook is now nationally available to help students transition to college and university. Entitled Transitions: Student Reality Check, the book is the first of its kind in Canada to cover study strategies, peer pressure, money responsibilities, mental illness, addictions, sexual health and suicide. First distributed to Nova Scotia students last year, the book is now also being given out in B.C., Ont. and Alberta. **METRO HALIFAX**

AN OPEN LETTER FROM MICHAEL H. McCAIN,
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The retrieval of recalled food products to date has been highly effective and we are confident that all measures that could be taken to ensure the retrieval of these products have and will continue to be taken.

This is the toughest situation we've faced in 100 years as a company. We know this has shaken your confidence in us. I commit to you that our actions are guided by putting your interests first.

Sincerely,



Michael H. McCain
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A young entrepreneur from Ontario will host an information session on autism this evening at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Kayla Cornale, creator of Sounds into Syllables, a music-based teaching system, will speak at the Royal Bank theatre between 5:30 and 8 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**



Police investigate a homicide scene at the River Ryan Campground yesterday morning.

Killing at campground

Man arrested in connection to River Ryan death

SHARON MONTGOMERY
Cape Breton Post

A 44-year old River Ryan man will be appearing in Sydney provincial court this morning to face charges in connection with a homicide at the River Ryan Campground early

Monday morning.

Lawrence Desrosiers, 44, of 3492 Wilson Ave., New Waterford, was transported to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in Sydney at about 1 a.m., where he was later pronounced dead.

Sgt. Mike Kennedy of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service major crime

"We are waiting for the results of the autopsy, which will confirm cause of death. All we can say right now is that it is being classified as homicide."

Staff Sgt. Paul Jobe

unit said the accused was still being interviewed as of late yesterday afternoon, and would be remanded to the Cape Breton Correctional Centre.

Kennedy said the accused man's name will not be released until the court appearance this morning.

The Cape Breton Post has learned through other sources the accused is Donald (Duck) McNeil, who was living at the trailer with his father Andrew McNeil, at 5775 Union Hwy.

Staff Sgt. Paul Jobe said they are not searching for any other suspects.

"To the best of our knowledge, we have the accused in custody and are satisfied there are no other suspects."

He could not comment on how Desrosiers died or whether a weapon was found at the scene, saying police are still doing interviews and trying to piece together exactly what happened.

The body of Desrosiers was transported to the Queen Elizabeth II Health and Science Centre in Halifax for an autopsy at 2 p.m. yesterday.

"We are waiting for the results of the autopsy, which will confirm cause of death," said Jobe.

"All we can say right now is that it is being classified as a homicide."

Desrosiers was married. Jobe said the 9-1-1 call came in at about 12:50 a.m. yesterday from a year-round trailer at the River Ryan Campground.

"The call came in of a 44-year-old male in distress." Jobe said the 44-year-old male was arrested at the scene without incident.

"The victim and accused were known to each other."

The scene was secured as police waited to obtain a search warrant.

Sgt. Kennedy said there were other people at the scene at the time of the incident.

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attracting visitors

- Most of Destination Halifax's budget goes toward attracting visitors from places with direct air links to Nova Scotia, and cruise ships. The port had 131 cruise calls with 215,000 passengers this year.

Destination Halifax is moving into the next phase of its campaign to attract the \$5-billion gay-and-lesbian tourism market.

The agency is preparing a new advertising drive to build on the success it had in the first year, which included drawing Rosie O'Donnell's 2,000-passenger cruise ship this summer.

The \$40,000-a-year effort is based around the Rainbowhalifax.com website, which is linked to lesbian and gay websites worldwide.

Lynn Ledwidge, director of marketing for Destination Halifax, said members of the local gay and lesbian community approached them to promote Halifax as a rainbow hotspot.

"We realized there's good opportunity for us to be positioning ourselves as a welcoming destination," Ledwidge said yesterday.

Bruce MacDonald, of

Travel Gay Canada, says the investment will be well rewarded. Gay and lesbian travellers spend \$60 billion annually in North America, with \$5 billion going to Canada.

Because of the narrowly targeted media market, cities can expect a return of at least three-to-10 times as much as they would in mainstream marketing, MacDonald said.

Halifax is alone in marketing itself as gay-friendly in Atlantic Canada, but St. John's, N.L., is coming on board.

"The gay and lesbian travel market is very well travelled," MacDonald said. "They are looking for new opportunities."



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The federal government has designated 4,500 square kilometres of land and sea around Baffin Island as national wildlife heritage areas, the CBC reported yesterday. The move protects parts of the Arctic island that are home to bowhead whales, migratory birds and other animals. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Baffin Island land to become wildlife sanctuary

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Claims flood Montreal

More than 1,000 residents and businesses have filed claims for damages after a torrential rainstorm hit Montreal in early August, CBC News reports. The Aug. 2 storm dumped about 30 millimetres of rain in 10 minutes, causing extensive flooding in Anjou and Saint-Leonard, two northeast Montreal boroughs. A city official said it would take about six months for all claims to be investigated. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Tories sidestep abortion debate

The federal Conservatives have promised heavier punishments for crimes harming pregnant women in order to counter accusations they could open new debate on abortion rights.

The proposal is intended to supplant a private member's bill by Alberta Tory MP Ken Epp that would create a separate criminal offence for injuring or

killing a fetus, which critics fear is a roundabout way of outlawing abortion.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said yesterday he intends to introduce a bill that considers whether an attack victim was pregnant an aggravating factor in sentencing. The bill would protect women, but "in a way that does not ensure fetal rights."

"Our government will not reopen the debate on abortion," Nicholson said. The bill went to great lengths to exclude women seeking an abortion from punishment under the criminal code, he added.

The government's proposed solution is already before the House of Commons, put forward last May by Liberal MP Brent

St. Denis in a private members' bill that makes targeting a pregnant woman a sentencing factor.

Judges currently consider whether crimes are motivated by hate or terrorism, whether the victim was a minor or a spouse, or whether the act was performed for the benefit of an organized crime group.

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Knockoffs Counterfeit case



Sharon Franks of the RCMP shows off counterfeit designer handbags from a recent raid of a Calgary business yesterday. About \$5 million in goods, including Louis Vuitton, Prada and Burberry fakes, were seized during the bust.



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News in brief

VOTE A fall election looms ever closer after Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion told Prime Minister Stephen Harper he's too busy to meet for two weeks, a delay a government official said could be the trigger for a vote. Meeting Sept. 9 would preclude the Tories from forcing a vote call before three Sept. 8 byelections.

TORONTO In a bid to alleviate the organ donation crisis in Ontario, the province is funding a pilot high school course that will spread awareness to 16-year-olds. Lesson plans, titled One Life... Many Gifts, are based on the real stories of Canadians who donated their organs. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES**

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U.S. considers protecting Pacific waters

Vast swaths of U.S. Pacific Ocean waters could be protected as marine sanctuaries or monuments, the White House said yesterday, drawing praise from environmental groups.

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Michelle Obama takes to the stage

Democrats opening their national convention tried to portray Barack Obama as a down-to-earth American patriot bidding to make history, led by his wife, Michelle Obama.

The aim of the first day was to frame the Democratic Party leader's personal story and the keynote speaker was his wife. In excerpts from her prepared remarks, she seemed to want to dispel

Republican charges that Obama is an aloof celebrity.

"And in the end, after all that's happened these past 19 months, the Barack Obama I know today is the same man I fell in love with 19 years ago," she said.

Michelle Obama also put a gloss on her own assertive personality.

"I come here as a wife who loves my husband and

believes he will be an extraordinary president. I come here as a mom whose girls are the heart of my heart and the centre of my world," she said.

Speaking to reporters in Illinois, the first-term senator tried to calm anxiety among some Democrats about a mild slide in opinion polls that has left him in a dead heat with Republican John McCain heading toward the election. **REUTERS**

Argentina Tango competition draws hundreds



Couples take part in the first round of the sixth World Tango Competition in Buenos Aires. The competition began yesterday with 406 couples from 23 countries competing in two categories: The improvised dance-hall style called salon tango, and a choreographed exhibition style called show tango.

Russians urge recognition of rebel states

RUSSIA Russia's parliament urged the Kremlin yesterday to recognize two rebel regions of Georgia as independent states, raising alarm in the West.

Both houses of Russia's parliament endorsed non-

binding resolutions urging President Dmitry Medvedev to recognize the pro-Moscow breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

These resolutions may signal that Medvedev him-

self intends to grant recognition, or simply be a Kremlin bargaining chip.

Medvedev, who under Russian law takes the ultimate decision on recognition, did not comment on the votes. **REUTERS**

News in brief

GUILTY PLEA A booking agent for a prostitution ring whose clients included former New York governor Eliot Spitzer pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of violating the Travel Act, which bans crossing state lines to carry out illegal business such as prostitution.

CALIFORNIA California's large-scale tobacco control campaign has saved \$86 billion in health-care costs in its first 15 years, U.S. researchers said. The reduction in health costs represents about a 50-fold return on the \$1.8 billion that was spent on the program.

HAITI The seventh tropical storm of the current hurricane season, Gustav, formed in the central Caribbean yesterday and could strengthen into a hurricane before striking vulnerable, impoverished Haiti, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. **REUTERS**



Thatcher has dementia

Former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher, 82, has been suffering from dementia for the past seven years, according to her daughter, Carol. These days, the "Iron Lady" often struggles to remember things and repeats questions.

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China missed chance to show rights progress: U.S.

CHINA China missed an opportunity to show progress on human rights and religious freedom during the Olympic Games, the White House said yesterday after eight Americans were deported for protesting.

U.S. President George W. Bush attended the opening ceremony and several events despite pressure from U.S. lawmakers and activists who said his presence could legitimize the Chinese government's suppression of freedom of speech and religion.

During meetings with Chinese leaders in Beijing, Bush pressed them to allow wider freedom of speech and religion.

But that encouragement appeared to fall short, as none of the 77 applications that citizens submitted to

Media troubles

• Reporters Without Borders, a Paris-based press freedom advocacy group counted some 100 cases where journalists or Internet bloggers covering China outside Olympic venues were harassed, detained and, in a few cases, beaten or jailed.

be able to protest legally in designated Beijing parks was approved and two elderly applicants were sentenced to one year in labour camps.

As the Olympics closed, eight American supporters of Tibet were deported for trying to protest against the Chinese government, according to Students for a Free Tibet. **REUTERS**

Teenage suicide bomber surrenders

IRAQ A teenage Iraqi girl wearing a vest packed with explosives turned herself in rather than go through with a suicide bombing in the violence-torn city of Baquba north of Baghdad, police and the U.S. military said yesterday. Various sources differed on her age, with estimates ranging from 13 to 17. **REUTERS**

Infections behind premature births?

STUDY Undiagnosed infections may be causing a significant number of premature births, Stanford University researchers reported yesterday after finding bacteria or fungi in 15 per cent of the amniotic fluid samples taken from women in pre-term labour. **REUTERS**

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Oil prices rose yesterday as tropical storm Gustav formed in the Caribbean, stirring concerns that it could disrupt oil and gas output. Gustav, the seventh Caribbean storm this season, is expected to hit the Dominican Republic and Haiti. **REUTERS**

Business

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Business in brief

WIRELESS Mobile giant Rogers is cementing its one-up on competitors Bell and Telus with its GSM coverage, which is quickly becoming the global standard, and with blockbuster iPhone and BlackBerry Bold 3G releases. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

ACQUISITION Q9 Networks Inc., a data centre and network management services provider, agreed to be bought by private-equity firm Abry Partners for about \$361 million in cash, the companies said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Maple Leaf shares battered on recall

As the listeriosis death toll escalated yesterday, investors dumped Maple Leaf Foods Inc. shares amid uncertainty about the recall's long-term effect on Maple Leaf's business and brand image.

The company's shares sank 10 per cent to \$8.80 in Toronto yesterday. Maple Leaf's shares have plunged 21 per cent since the first product recall a week ago.

Company officials warned yesterday that the costs tied to the recall could well exceed its initial \$20-million estimate. Chief financial officer Michael Vels said that estimate doesn't include future lost sales or increased spending on ads to lure customers back to its products

in the wake of a nationwide listeriosis outbreak that health officials yesterday linked to 12 deaths.

Vels also indicated the company is prepared to spend whatever it takes to restore its name, but couldn't give an estimate. The \$20 million earmarked so far will cover reimbursements and plant sanitization.

"Damage control and financial minimization at a time like this has not even been considered," Vels said in a conference call yesterday. "As an investor, that may not be what you want to hear, but 100 per cent of our focus over the weekend has been to identify to our customers the roughly 220 products we're recalling."

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Tokyo Skinny and blingy



A worker places a Swarovski sticker with a 1 mm titanium ball on an ear during a demonstration of "Slim B'z" diet method, which combines fashion and appetite-suppressing pressure point treatment, at the Diet and Beauty Fair in Tokyo yesterday.

Solar plant planned for Quebec town

QUEBEC Norway's Renewable Energy Corp. (REC) has picked the small town of Bécancour, Que., as the home of a new \$1.2-billion solar materials plant.

The new plant will see 1,000 jobs created during the construction phase of the plant and about 300 permanent "green collar" jobs. The plant will manufacture polysilicon used to make solar cells and semi-conductors.

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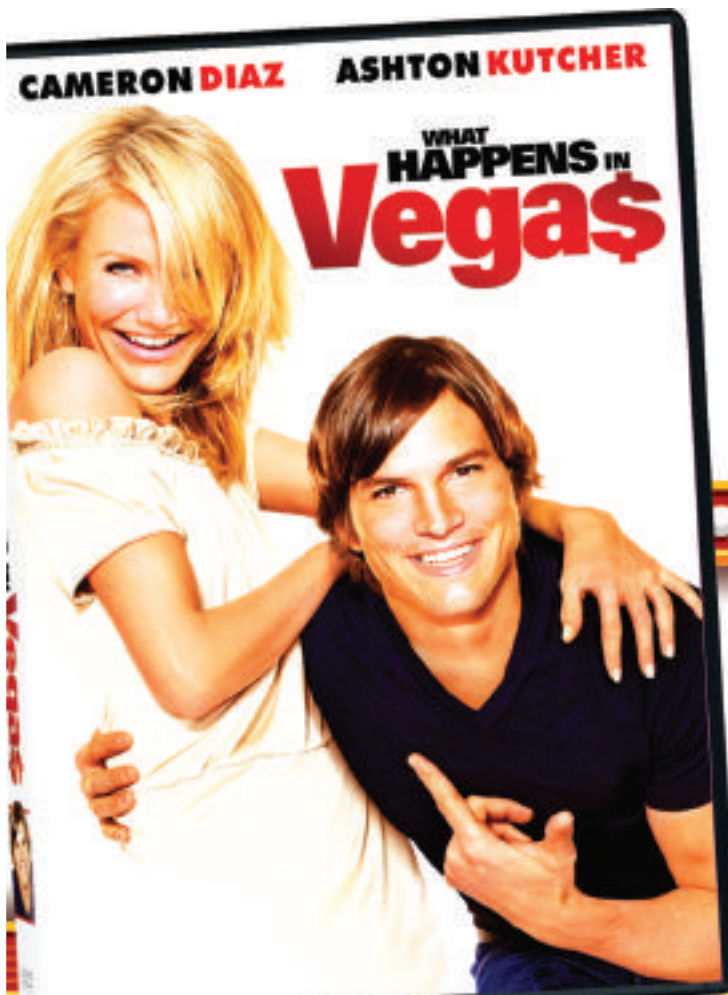
Extreme hires Mike Bevacqua: Extreme Group hired Mike Bevacqua as account director in their Toronto office. Bevacqua previously worked with BBDO and ACLC for clients such as Toshiba, Cara Foods, and Sony, among others.

Ferry funding is bittersweet: A representative of the fishing industry in southwestern Nova Scotia says the industry was both relieved and disappointed that \$15.1 million in funding came through for the ferry service between Digby,

N.S. and Saint John, N.B. However, the funds will only last two years, with no certain future beyond that.

Feds sink ship replacement plan: A federal plan to replace the navy's aging supply vessels have been cancelled after bids came in well over the government's planned \$2.1 billion. Tenders calling for a dozen Canadian Coast Guard mid-shore patrol ships were also scrapped. The Conservatives say the vessels remained a priority.

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Your Money

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Tie pup's purse strings

SmartCookies



Our beloved (and slightly anxiety ridden) Smart Cookie mascot, Lucy, is one pampered pooch. We'll admit that before becoming a Smart Cookie dog, she was decked out in designer collars, sleeping in the most luxurious doggie beds and cuddling with a new squeak toy weekly.

Now that she is representing Smart Cookie dogs everywhere, we had to reign in the leash on our spending. Here are our favourite tips for dog lovers:

Don't cheap out on your dog's food.

What your dog eats is important to their overall health. If you are a follower of the raw food movement, rather than buying gourmet pre-packaged meat and vegetables, head to the local market for your veggies and to the butcher for your raw meat. And while you're at the butcher ask for a free shin



Pet insurance can save you thousands over the years. For less than \$35 a month, you can purchase a policy that covers everything from diagnostic testing, accidents and illness.

bone for your dog — you'll save yourself at least \$10 by not having to buy it at your local pet store.

Doggie day care/dog walkers can add up.

Lucy used to have a dog walker five days a week at \$20 a day. Now we switch off walks with a friend we met at the day care — he gets off early twice a week and walks both dogs and we do the same, saving us \$80. If you do take your dog to doggy day care or hire a dog walker, ask about packages and referral incentives. Often it is cheaper to buy a package instead of individual visits and if you refer someone you might get a few free walks.

Save on toys.

Pet stores can charge up to \$15 for stuffed toys for dogs. And generally the toy is missing an eye within the first hour. Instead, buy

your toys from a thrift store for 50 cents and less. After a good wash, they are as good as new.

You wouldn't go without health care, so why would your dog?

Pet insurance can save you thousands over the years. For less than \$35 a month, you can purchase a policy that covers everything from diagnostic testing, accidents and illness. Our favourite is Vet Insurance (vetinsurance.com) because of its low deductibles (10 per cent of the total bill) and its high lifetime coverage of \$20,000. To take full advantage of the low monthly cost, make sure to sign up your dog before their first birthday.

Don't buy, adopt.

If you are in the market for a new pooch, consider adopting

your pal from the SPCA. You will save yourself hundreds upfront and in some cases may even be eligible for a charity tax receipt. If you have your heart set on a particular breed, try researching rescue agencies. From boxers to beagles, most breeds have a rescue group specific to them.

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Get cash from bricks

Q My parents are seniors and would like to help my brother with a down payment for a house. A financial institution proposed a loan that has zero interest and principal monthly payments. The amount does not have to be repaid until their house is sold. Will this affect their pension?

A No. This will not affect their Old Age Security or Supplement, nor is it taxable. Reverse mortgages have become increasingly popular in Canada, which allows senior homeowners to access some of the equity in their home.

The concept itself is not new. Homeowners have always used the equity in their home for adding a nursery room, finishing the basement or renovating their kitchen. Of course, the increased monthly payments were no fun but everything comes with a cost.

A reverse mortgage has taken this a notch up. Available to homeowners over the age of 60, it allows house-rich seniors to access equity in their homes for a trip around the world, to fix up their home, help out their children or whatever they like.

The biggest player in this market is CHIP Home Income Plan. CHIP will loan seniors up to 40 per cent of the market value of their home and requires no monthly payments.

The loan

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The concept of reverse mortgages is not new.

plus interest is due only when the house is sold or you move. This can be appealing to some seniors that do not want increased monthly payments but want to take some cash out of their bricks.

However, your parents should consider the effects of a reverse mortgage:

- The loan can balloon to more than triple its principal amount in 15 years. Yes, it's investment interest compounding in reverse.
- Less equity in home survivors. Whatever is taken out now leaves substantially less for the kids.
- The interest rate for reverse mortgages is generally higher than other loans.
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Investing

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Lucky.



The Toronto Argonauts released veteran safety Orlando Steinauer yesterday. The 35-year-old Steinauer, who has spent the past eight seasons with the Argonauts, is a three-time CFL All-Star. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Giants use Kiwanuka to plug hole

NFL The New York Giants moved Mathias Kiwanuka back to defensive end yesterday.

The move was designed to replace the injured Osi Umenyiora, and decreases the chances that the defending Super Bowl champs will

make a push to lure Michael Strahan out of retirement.

The New York Daily News reported that Strahan, the Giants' all-time sack leader, would consider coming out of retirement for \$8 million US and "a few kind words."

Castro supports banned athlete

OLYMPICS Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro yesterday defended a Cuban taekwondo athlete banned forever from the sport for kicking a referee during the Beijing Olympics.

Castro, in a column on the Internet, said Angel Valodia Matos already was "indignant" because someone tried to bribe his coach and "could not contain himself" when referee Chakir Chelbat disqualified him in a bronze-medal match he led over Kazakhstan's Arman Chilmanov.

"For our taekwondo athlete and his coach, our total solidarity," Castro said.

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Sports in brief

MLB The Blue Jays dealt catcher Robinson Diaz to the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday as the player to be named later in the Aug. 21 deal that sent third baseman Jose Bautista to Toronto. The 24-year-old Diaz is hitting .285 with four home runs in 57 minor league games this season.

GOLF Tiger Woods said yesterday he has not ruled himself out of defending his Dubai Desert classic title in late January despite needing time to recover after reconstructive knee surgery. The tournament begins on Jan. 27.

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COC needs to get off nest egg

Expert questions why Olympic organization isn't spending \$180M pot

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The Canadian Olympic Committee has more than \$180 million in trust and should start using some of that money to subsidize our athletes, according to the most prominent private fundraiser in this country.

Jane Roos, who has in the past decade provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to our Olympians from donations to her www.canadianathletes-now.ca website, told Metro in an interview yesterday she knows "for a fact" the COC is keeping quiet about

its bulky trust fund.

"Even though the COC constantly cries poor," Roos said, "they have plenty of money to give to our athletes. That's not common knowledge, but it's the truth."

Roos was irked yesterday by a Globe and Mail story in which COC chief **Chris Rudge**, reflecting on Canada's performance at the Beijing Olympics this month, was quoted as saying he is appealing to Prime Minister **Stephen Harper** for \$30 million in order to make Canada more competitive at the next Summer Games, in 2012 at London.

"Rudge should get the money from the government, yes," Roos said, "but use some of the \$180 million-plus the COC has in trust, too. What is that money put aside for? You

Figures, not facts?

• The COC has declared that Canada successfully reached its goal of finishing in the top 16 nations in Beijing by tying for the 14th-highest medal total but prominent Canadian Olympic fundraiser Jane Roos

argues that the authentic medal standings, which counts golds, placed Canada 19th. "The COC wants Canadian people to think we did better than we actually did," Roos said, "and that's just wrong."

can never get a straight answer from the COC. There's no accountability. There's no transparency within the system.

"But that money's there, for sure. Most of it came from Calgary (the 1988 Winter Olympics). So what's the COC doing with all of it? Why are our athletes not getting enough money to compete properly?"

Metro could not reach Rudge for answers yesterday — sources said he was

unavailable because he was travelling — but Roos said she wonders why the COC needs five offices.

"They have offices in Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver," Roos said. "What for? The U.S. Olympic committee has only one office. Does the COC need all the money it has to operate five offices or what? They just don't talk about it."

The COC does talk about the fact that, for the first time, it's rewarding Canadi-

an medal winners with cash. The three gold medalists in Beijing will receive \$20,000 each. The nine silver medalists get \$15,000 and the six bronze medalists \$10,000.

But Roos insists there's still plenty of cash left to fund Canadian athletes for Olympic Games in the future.

"Our athletes won medals in Beijing despite the terrible system we have," she said. "Canadians realize now more than ever that our athletes are underfunded. But the COC has to stop using smoke and mirrors all the time and must stop doing a disservice to our athletes. Canada deserves better."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Big welcome Cameron brings home bronze



Shubenacadie's Tracy Cameron, who won a bronze medal in women's double sculls last week at the Beijing Olympics, signs an autograph for one of the dozens of fans who turned out yesterday to welcome Canadian athletes back at Vancouver International Airport.

Olympic champs advance at Open

Beijing gold medallists Rafael Nadal and Elena Dementieva shook off their Olympic hangers yesterday to stumble into the second round of the U.S. Open.

As the newly-crowned world No. 1, Nadal would have been expected to flatten a qualifier ranked 136th in the world.

But the Spaniard's exertions over the past few weeks, where he made a flying visit to the Chinese capital to add the Games title to his triumphs at the French Open and Wimbledon, appeared to have caught up with him as he struggled to a 7-6, 6-3, 7-6 win over Germany's Bjorn Phau.

Dementieva, after finally getting her hands on a major title, also found it difficult to break free from the Olympic bubble.

She snapped back to attention in the nick of time to come from 5-3 down in the second set, saving two set points, before beating Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan 6-4, 7-5.

Eight days after pulling off the greatest win of her



World No. 1 Rafael Nadal beat Bjorn Phau of Germany yesterday at the U.S. Open.

career, Dementieva admitted she was still pinching herself.

"I was holding (the medal) for three days, to make sure it's not a dream. It's real," said the Russian fifth seed.

"It's really very hard not to think about the Olympic Games. Yesterday I was trying to go to sleep but I couldn't because ... my mind is still there."

In other action yesterday, Lindsay Davenport, winner in Atlanta in 1996, eased past Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., 6-4, 6-2.

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Soccer

Halifax City's men's and women's teams, crowned Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership champions last night, will carry the province's colours to the Canadian senior soccer championships from Oct. 8 to 13 in St. John's, N.L. **METRO HALIFAX**



Halifax City Salty's defender Melissa Gaudet, left, fights for the ball with Scotia Elegant Flooring forward Kelly Burgess last night.

No perfect ending

City wins Premiership as Dunbrack's 20-0 season dissolves

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It's not how many games you win, it's when you win them. Just ask Halifax City Coldwell Banker, once again kings of the Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership. More to the point, ask devastated Halifax Dunbrack Bremner's.

Third-seeded City stunned unbeaten regular-season champion Dunbrack 3-2 last night at Mainland Common to claim their second straight provincial banner and fifth in six years.

Dunbrack, which had won 20 straight games entering the final, suffered a similar demise last summer.

"Winning in the regular season is different than winning in August," City midfielder Brian Francis said after the game as a raucous celebration swirled around him.

"We know the regular season is important, but when we get to the playoffs, we know what's got to be done and we do it."

Thirty-eight minutes in, Dunbrack was in control of the game and it seemed as though it was only a matter of time before one of its many chances would result in a goal.

Ten minutes later, opportunistic City had a 3-0 lead.

Jonathan Hammond opened the floodgates in the 39th minute when he waltzed past a normally stout Dunbrack defence and booted one inside the post. Dunbrack's Jon Marsh put one in his own



Halifax City Coldwell Banker captain Kevin Steeves hoists the trophy after his team won the Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership men's championship 3-2 over Halifax Dunbrack Bremner's last night at the Mainland Common.

net in the 42nd minute, while league MVP Kristin Kirincich scored just three minutes into the second half.

Goals from Mike Marsh and Chris Haughn in the final 15 minutes were too little, too late for Dunbrack.

"We came out with a lot of fire, a lot of spice and a lot of passion," said Dunbrack head coach Alan Jazic, who has been on the wrong side of three of

City's five championships.

"We could have buried it early and we didn't. Once you go down a goal to these guys, they're tough to crack."

Added Francis: "They came out strong, but you've got to put away those chances or sometimes it comes back to haunt you. After we settled down and got a goal, we gained momentum."

City goalkeeper Graham Little, a first-team all-star,

was particularly strong early in the game.

The bulk of City's roster has been around for all five titles, three of which were won under the name Halifax Celtic.

"We love winning and our core is good at doing it," said City striker Kristin Kirincich. "We're a playoff team. We focus on working out the kinks in the regular season, and when the playoffs come, we always seem to do it."

Gritty City defend women's crown

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SOCCER Halifax City Salty's may have spent the summer sleepwalking, but they were wide awake when it mattered most.

City shook off a losing regular-season record (7-3-5) in the playoffs to claim its second straight Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership championship last night at Mainland Common with a 2-1 win over Scotia Elegant Flooring.

Newcomer Mary Beth Bowie, one of several veter-

ans who joined City in the off-season when Halifax County Athens folded, scored the winner nine minutes into the second half.

"We lost quite a few games this year, but it started to come together toward the end," Bowie said. "It was figuring out what lineup worked best with a lot of new players coming in. Once we had that, we got the chemistry going."

Sarah d'Apollonia scored City's other goal, while league MVP Kelly Burgess tallied for fourth-seeded Scotia.

Mooseheads expecting four dozen to show up for training camp

HOCKEY Forty-eight hopefuls are expected to report to the Halifax Mooseheads' training camp this week.

The Mooseheads released their roster yesterday and have 14 regulars returning from last year's team. Among them is all-star Jakub Voracek, who is earmarked for the Columbus Blue Jackets and won't be hanging around the city for long.

Eight of the Mooseheads' nine picks from June's draft are expected to report to camp. Only South Shore Mustangs blue-liner Andrew Morrison (195th overall) is not coming.

Fourteen free agents are in search of jobs, including Cole Harbour McCain stand-out Jordan Mock, Halifax

Who will be there?

• The following is the Halifax Mooseheads' training camp roster (listed with last year's team; y-denotes free agent invite; players with more than one game QMJHL experience in bold).

GOALTENDERS (6)

Kody Blois, Cole Harbour (midget); Mathieu Corbeil, Montreal (midget); y-Brandon Decker, Central, N.L. (midget); Stefan Dumaresque, Summerside (MJAHL); y-Jeremie Forbes-Brisebois, Notre Dame

(midget); **Mark Yetman, Halifax (QMJHL).**

DEFENCEMEN (14)

Graham Bona, Halifax (QMJHL); y-Doug Burns, Halifax (MJAHL); Travis Busch, New Hampshire (EJHL); y-Sam Caldwell, Cape Breton (midget); R.D. Chisholm, Halifax (MJAHL); Joey Dillon, Waterloo (USHL); y-Matthew English, Cole Harbour (midget); **Richard Greer, Halifax (QMJHL);** y-Zachary Lodge, Central, N.L. (midget); **Ben MacAskill, Halifax**

(QMJHL); Alex MacDonald, Moncton (midget); Ryan Matheson, Central, N.L. (midget); **Gabriel O'Connor, Halifax (QMJHL);** Justin Pender, Halifax (QMJHL).

FORWARDS (28)

Linden Bahm, Shawinigan (QMJHL); Jessyko Bernard, Cushing (U.S. prep); y-Charles Bety, Princeville, Que. (junior A); **David Bouchard, Halifax (QMJHL);** Yuri Cheremetiev, Halifax (QMJHL); William Cloutier, Saint-Francois, Que.

(midget); Gabriel Desjardins, Montreal (midget); Chad Earle, Summerside (MJAHL); Derek Fulton, Halifax (MJAHL); **Gerard Grant, Dartmouth (midget);** y-Nicolas Jessome, Charles P. Allen (high school); **Tomas Knotek, Halifax (QMJHL);** Alex Lemieux, Charles-Lemoyne, Que. (midget); **Eric Louis-Seize, Halifax (QMJHL);** y-Jordan Mock, Cole Harbour (midget); Logan MacMillan, Halifax (QMJHL); y-Jeff Marchand, Halifax

(MJAHL); y-Kyle McGuirk, St. John's (midget); y-Anthony Nobili, Bourassa, Que. (midget); y-Ned O'Brien, Summerside (MJAHL); Andrew O'Leary, Shattuck St. Mary's (midget); Alexis Piette, Joliette (junior A); y-Nicholas Popelar, Toronto (midget); **Travis Randell, Halifax (QMJHL);** Christopher Reiss, Lachine, Que. (junior A); Matthew Snow, Halifax (MJAHL); **Jakub Voracek, Halifax (QMJHL);** Andrew White, Halifax (QMJHL).

Wolverines defenceman Doug Burns, and forward Nicholas Popelar from Toronto.

Jeff Marchand, who is the

younger brother of Brad and who captained the Wolverines last season, is also coming to camp in search of a job in the major

junior ranks.

The players hit the ice Friday and Saturday at Cole Harbour Place, with practices early in the day and in-

tra-squad games at 7 p.m. each day. The Mooseheads open the pre-season on Sunday on the road against the Cape Breton Screaming Ea-

gles.

They open at home on Monday, when they host the Screaming Eagles at 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum.

Poor treatment may be fuelling the rise of an especially hard to treat form of tuberculosis called extensively drug resistant or XDR TB, doctors reported Sunday. **REUTERS**

Health



Aggression linked to wide faces

Next time you're getting your face scraped along the boards by the other team's enforcer, try and take a peek at his sneering mug. Chances are it's wider than yours, according to a new Brock University, Ont., study that equates the width of a hockey player's face with his or her aggressive tendencies. The Brock team theorized that the more aggression-inducing testosterone a youth possessed, the broader his face would grow. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Wait on implants

Urge for cosmetic surgery may disappear as girls mature

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Does your teen girl want to have breast augmentation or liposuction? Try to delay this as long as possible, and the urge may even disappear, suggests a recent paper in the Journal of Adolescent Health.

"I think 22 should be the minimum age for any kind of breast implants, because younger women don't fully appreciate the long-term financial and medical commitment involved," says lead author Dr. Diana Zuckerman, (PhD), president of the National Research Center for Women & Families in Washington, D.C.

In addition, she says, women under 22 should not have liposuction. For one thing, girls' bodies are still maturing until that age and secondly, they should become more physically active rather than having liposuction, as this confers long-term health benefits. "Too many women are choosing liposuction instead of exercise," she says.

Teenage girls are notorious for hating parts of their bodies, but these negative feelings often neutralize as girls become more mature. Studies show that body image often improves after age 18, even without cosmetic surgery, report Dr. Zuckerman and co-author



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Dr. Anisha Abraham, a pediatrician at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington.

Yet the number of teenagers having cosmetic procedures has gone up dramatically in the last 10 years. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons estimates that more than 333,000 cosmetic procedures were performed on people under age 18 in the U.S. in 2005, way up from 14,000 ten years earlier. The trend is similar in Canada.

One-quarter of those procedures were surgical, including breast augmentation, liposuction, tummy tucks, nose reshaping and ear surgery.

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Complications of breast implants increase over time, and include painful tightening or hardening of the scar tissue, implant rupture, and leaking, report Drs. Zuckerman and Abraham. A teenager who gets breast implants may require repeated surgeries over her lifetime, as implants only typically last 10 years. Breast implants can also interfere with mammography and with breast feeding.

Studies of women who have had breast augmentation show no improvement in their self-esteem over the long-term. In fact, these women are more likely to commit suicide than women who have not had this procedure done, the paper warns.

For liposuction, risks include infection, excessive loss of fluids, and damage to skin, nerves or organs.

Ditch the diet, fall fairs are for gorging

HineSight

Anne Hines



Food. Source of life. Fount of energy. Wellspring of well-being. And once a year, pure recreational fun.

It's August. Time for my partner, Liz, and I to head to the Toronto Canadian National Exhibition to participate in that time honored gastronomic event, Lard Quest. While this event invites Canada-wide competition, to us, the C.N.E. is the Olympic stadium of recreational eating. Our motto: "We came, we saw, we couldn't believe someone would put that on a plate and call it food, we ate it anyway."

Warning: Lard Quest is not for everyone. Those who get queasy reading the ingredient list on a box of Ho Ho's should not attempt it. For those who keep your local pizza place on speed dial this event is for you.

Lard Quest is not about how much you eat. Going for quantity alone only leads to heartache and stomach ache. One year, our friend, Betty, ate a plate of cabbage rolls, an order of pierogies (double sour cream), pizza her friend, Christine, didn't want, a burger someone else didn't want and two bags of Tiny Tom Donuts. Only to get beat out by a woman who

ate all this plus a Pogo.

In Lard Quest, the focus is on quality of badness. A single piece of cheesecake, deep fried and smothered in chocolate beats out any number of orders of nachos, with or without edible oil cheese-like topping.

Here's a handy scoring guide for those new to the event:

- Five points: For anything drenched in saturated fat. Cotton candy is sugary bliss but it barely qualifies in this event. If someone would toss those puppies into the deep fry you'd have a winner.

- Three points: For complete lack of nutritional value. A friend in Vancouver entered "coconut caramel marshmallow" fudge consumed at the Granville market but it was disqualified. Fudge contains real butter. Which, in this event, makes it practically health food.

- Two points: For creativity. Whoever thought of battering a Mars bar and tossing it in the deep fryer is simple genius.

- One point: For anything on a stick. We just think sticks are fun.

- Bonus points awarded if you can hear your own arteries slamming shut.

So, let the fall fairs begin. Let Canadians everywhere ditch the diet and deep six that organic free-range broccoli. Today, it's deep fried Twinkies with an extra dollop of whipped cream. Today, we eat!

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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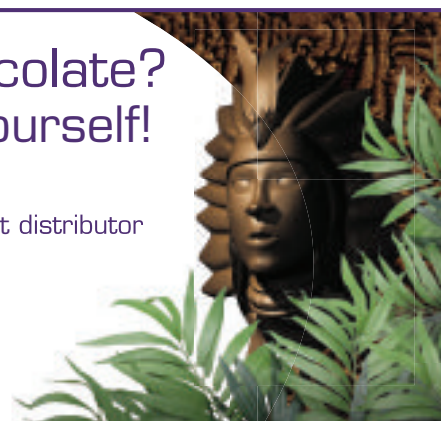


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Lunchtime music break

Harpists Ardyth and Jennifer will be performing at St. Matthew's United Church on Barrington Street this Thursday at 12:15 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Entertainment

Festive album

Singer George Michael says he will release a Christmas single this year. The untitled track will be released alongside a cover of Nina Simone's *Feeling Good*.

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Gay tells worldly tale

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It is a mix of different experiences playwright Michael Best has had, but deciding what did and did not happen in *Gay White Trash* is a challenge.

"People would say, 'None of that is true,' and I'd say, 'A lot of it is true,'" said Best. "I would get them to guess the parts that are and are not true. And, they would always guess wrong. 'The most outrageous things they would think are not true, but those are the things that did happen.'"

After a successful run in 2005, the award-winning *Gay White Trash* will return to the stage this week as part of the 18th annual Atlantic Fringe Festival, which starts Thursday and runs through next week.

The play tells the story of Gary and Terry, two 30-

something gay men who have been together since high school. They recently moved from rural Nova Scotia to what they think is the bigger, brighter and more gay-friendly community of North Dartmouth.

While Gary wants the glitzy and glamorous gay life, Terry just wants Gary.

The comedy — some might consider it a raunchy comedy, said Best — won Theatre Nova Scotia's Merritt Award for best new play two years ago.

if you go

- What: *Gay White Trash*
- Where: The Bus Stop Theatre
- When: Sunday, 7:45 p.m.; Monday, 8 p.m.; Sept. 5, 6 p.m.; Sept. 6, 6:45 p.m.
- Tickets: Go to www.atlanticfringe.ca

"I was really excited, and I think it is because it was such a small production in terms of budget and how we managed to put it on, and the impact it had was pretty big," Best said about the win.

Event though the play is set in Halifax, the story is universal, Best added.

"It's a country mouse and city mouse kind of story, but definitely has char-



Kevin Curran, left, and Michael Best play Terry and Gary in *Gay White Trash*.

acters that are very real. They are portrayed like you would see them in real life but are not the kind of

characters you would see on stage. It's a comedy, but there is a lot of humanity in it, as well."

Art imitates life in play *Confidence*

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THEATRE An actor's attempt to find work — and still remain upbeat in the face of rejection — is the basis for Eva Madden's play, *The Confidence Game*.

A presentation of the Atlantic Film Festival, the story opens with Tobin, a struggling actor who just lost another role to his friend, Johnny. Now, Tobin is worried he may also lose his girlfriend to Johnny.

"He is really having a bad day, he is walking around with a cloud over his head thinking the world is out to get him," said Madden. "He meets a very old man, called Roger, who shows him things might not be as bad as he thinks. He snaps him out of his funk."

A local filmmaker, Mad-

den initially began working on the story as part of the Atlantic Film Festival's Inspired Script program. This is her first time in the Fringe Festival, which runs Thursday through Sept. 7.

Madden said the idea came to her after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. She had just moved to Halifax and was working in a small office. A co-worker of hers was not very social, but began opening up to her.

"He said 'You know, if I was in the disaster, no one would have noticed I was gone.' And, he was being honest," she said. "At the time, I had just moved here and was really feeling down, and that just snapped me out of it."

The *Confidence Game* will be presented at Neptune Theatre's Studio Stage on Friday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 3:45 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m.

"(The character) is walking around with a cloud over his head thinking the world is out to get him."

Playwright
Eva Madden

fringe festival schedule

Here's a partial lineup for the 18th annual Atlantic Fringe Festival, which runs Thursday through Sept. 7. For more information, times and tickets, go to www.atlanticfringe.ca.

- 2B (Or Not 2B): Franny is always looking for love in the wrong places. Neptune Theatre's Imperial Room.
- Alastair's Songs from the Plays: A concert by singer-songwriter Alastair Macdon-

ald. Khyber Arts Centre.

- Belindance Greatest Hips: Halifax's Premiere Belly Dance Troupe presents a feast for the eyes and ears. Neptune Theatre's Studio Stage.
- Cross-Sections: A collaboration by two Saint John artists. DANSpace on Grafton.
- Crown Hill Cemetery: Lisa Haas' funny tale about growing up next to a burial ground. Khyber Arts Centre.

- Destination Unknown: A journey through one girl's life and thoughts mixed with music. Neptune Theatre's Imperial Room.
- Dog Town: A man's best friend is his dog, but can you ever have too many friends? Khyber Arts Centre.
- Giggles: God's going through a midlife crisis and can't afford to buy a red convertible. Neptune Theatre's Studio Stage.

- Half Past Three: In every picture-perfect town, there lies a seedy underbelly. Khyber Arts Centre.
- Honey and Jupiter: Best friend, Bond, disease, downfall, corruption, sickness, it's all in this Fringe entry. The Bus Stop Theatre
- Legends of Canada: Chris Denholm explores the legends, history and poetry of Canada. Khyber Arts Centre.

Stars to shine in November

CONCERT After headlining part of the SummerSonic Festival in July, critically acclaimed band Stars returns on Nov. 1.

The band will perform at The Marquee Club with special guest Hey Rosetta! Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of show. They go on sale Thursday at 10 a.m. Visit Ticketpro outlets, or call 1-888-311-9090.

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The band Stars hails from Montreal.





Hotel heiress Paris Hilton is selling The Bandit, an interchangeable hair extension headband, that can add up to 22 inches of 100 per cent polyester hair to the wearer via Velcro. The Bandit will hit shelves Sept. 20. **NEW YORK DAILY NEWS**

DVD picks

Where in the World is Osama bin Laden?

Director: **Morgan Spurlock**
Rating: **PG**

DOCUMENTARIAN Morgan Spurlock takes his gumshoe act on the road with *Where In the World Is Osama bin Laden?*, a quest that's only partly in jest. Whether the approach gets him anywhere is in the eye, and funny bone, of the beholder.

He's after Osama bin Laden, the leader of Al Qaeda and mastermind of 9/11. Spurlock reasons he alone can prevail where the FBI, the CIA and legions of other "War on Terror" troops have failed.

He travels through the Middle East and to Morocco, Pakistan, Afghanistan

and Saudi Arabia, to chat with average citizens and a few informed sources, asking them if they know where bin Laden is hiding.

The approach yields mixed results. Many people are so charmed and disarmed by Spurlock's bull-moose approach, they spill their thoughts on bin Laden. A few insights are gleaned. But the film does offer hope that there are millions of people in the Middle East who simply yearn for peace.

Extras include deleted interviews, an alternate ending and a funny bit titled, *The Animated History of Afghanistan*.

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Give peace a dance

ZETH LUNDY
Metro World News

Yoko Ono laughs when we suggest that we need Give Peace a Chance more now than when it was originally recorded in 1969.

"Exactly," she replies, the shortest answer she'll give during our conversation, and leaves it at that. Perhaps this is reason enough for the release of *Give Peace a Chance (The Remixes)*, a digital collection of eight remixes of the Plastic Ono Band protest anthem with Ono's newly recorded spoken-word vocals. Though the commingling of protest anthem and block rockin' beats may seem incongruous to some, for Ono it's a completely natural method to get the message to the masses.

"If you want to get



One of Yoko Ono's remixes of *Give Peace a Chance* has topped the *Billboard* Hot Dance Club Play chart.

through to somebody, you go to their stomach with your soup," she says. "(The remixes) are like soup. People give in to their bodies; their bodies will know what's important."

Ono, 75, has led an unprecedented lifelong career as a visual, conceptual and musical artist of the avant-garde, a fact overshadowed by her marriage to John Lennon.

In the late 60s, Ono and Lennon spearheaded a number of peace rallies and bed-ins, the second of

which, in 1969 in Montreal, produced the original recording of *Give Peace a Chance*.

Ono herself seems surprised by the song's lasting impact, not to mention the remix project's recent topping of *Billboard*'s Hot Dance Club Play charts.

"We just did whatever we could and never looked back," she says of her musical and activist collaborations with Lennon. "At the time, the bed-in was the most important thing we were doing."

Ladies member survives crash

PEOPLE Bare-naked Ladies' singer Ed Robertson

survived a plane crash Sunday afternoon north of Bancroft, Ont., *TMZ.com* reports.

"At 12:30 p.m., a Cessna 206 was taking off from Baptiste Lake, lost airspeed and entered a wooded area west of the lake," Sgt. Jeff Mackinnon of the Bancroft OPP told the *Belleville Intelligencer*.

Mackinnon said all four passengers, including Robertson, walked out of the woods and then reported the crash. The *Intelligencer* reported Robertson was piloting his own float-plane, but police won't release any details.

In brief

TV Five months before the new season of *American Idol* is set to kick off, producers are shaking things up by adding a fourth permanent judge, singer-songwriter Kara DioGuardi to the table, *E!* News Online reports.

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Great Cate

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One heck of an affable show

SOMEONE ELSE'S NOSTALGIA: The nice publicist from MuchMoreMusic pitched the story to me by saying that she had a hunch that I was a Huey Lewis kind of guy back in the '80s. I tried not to sound peevish as I responded that, truth be told, my '80s were more about Black Flag, but I didn't have anything against Huey.

He was always there, an altogether pleasant, older sibling/younger uncle kind of figure, the sort who turned up his car stereo loud with the Big Chill soundtrack because he knew you liked music. It seems like a long time ago, now, and that was the point.

Steadfastly committed to transforming itself into the Canadian VH1, MMM had a new show premiering called Where You At Baby?, that featured an affable host (Matt Wells) being parachuted into the life of a onetime chart-topper, and Lewis was the inaugural subject.

Would I be interested in talking to Huey, the nice publicist wanted to know?

IntelleVision

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"Is it a reality TV show?" Huey asks me over the phone. "I thought it was sort of a biography deal. You see, I haven't seen the show ... (We) have this Behind the Music on MTV, and I've always like the Canadian approach to things; it's a little loftier than what we get over here, so I thought 'Why not?'"

The rough cut pilot is a cheerful, shambling affair — after a brief preamble, Lewis meets Wells and crew at the airport in Montana where he lives, and drives them out to his ranch after a stop at the supermarket to pick up supplies for dinner. He kits Wells out and takes him fly fishing, whereupon Lewis reveals he's very conscientious about catch and release. He wakes Wells up the next morning to take him to New York, where he

introduces his son and the man who choreographed him for a stint in the Broadway run of Chicago. "It actually baffles me," Lewis recalled. "When I got to Montana with the crew, I wondered 'What did I do that for?' It's not like I'm selling anything, I have no record out. Why do something like this? But I liked the people involved."

"I just thought fly fishing would be good. I love to fly fish. And it looks beautiful — it's a beautiful place. When they said they wanted to do something on me, I thought 'Where would we do that?' I initially thought Montana, because it's pret-



Huey Lewis, an entirely decent chap, performs with his band the News in Washington, D.C. in July.

ty, but I don't want to look like I'm retired. So I said let's do it in New York. It was actually a day in each place."

Lewis, who still plays 80 shows a year with his band, comes off well — proof of the rule that, if you want longevity in the music business, try to do something that looks dignified at 35 and plausible at 58. Still, the producers of Where You At Baby? had better be hiding a few train wrecks up their sleeve if they want to escape a season of terminal affability.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Dark Knight rules foreign box office

FILM Batman easily dominated a torpid late-summer weekend on the international circuit as The Dark Knight grossed \$34 million US — nearly three times its closest competitor's take — from 7,700 screens in 62 markets.

A No. 1 opening in Germany for the Warner Bros. film provided \$9.2 million, a five-day market tally that beats the total taken in Germany by 2005's Batman Begins by 10 per cent, the distributor said.

There were strong No. 1 finishes as well in second weekends in France and Russia.

The Batman saga's international receipts to date total \$381.2 million; worldwide, the tally is \$870.4 million.

REUTERS

Connery launches autobiography

BOOKS Acting icon Sean Connery may have

stopped making films, but he feels something still awaits him out there. Connery celebrated his 78th birthday with an appearance yesterday on the final day of the Edinburgh International Book Festival to launch his long-awaited autobiography, Being a Scot. When asked if he had achieved all he wanted, Connery replied: "I don't think so. I've come into a different cycle since I decided not to do any more (films)." He added: "I've a feeling there is something cooking. I don't know what it is yet."

Connery

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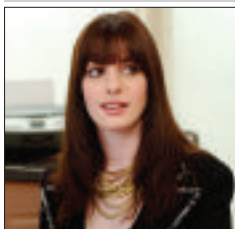
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7	7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	America's Got Talent (Live)				Jeff Ltd.
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32	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	NCIS Internal Affairs	Big Brother 10 (N)		Dem. Conv.
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36	36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House (HDTV PA)	House (HDTV PA)		Fox First
12	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	America's Got Talent (Live)			Dem. Conv.
29	29	29	29	NW	BBC World	Business	CBC News	Mansbridge	The Hour	CBC News: The National		Naked
4	4	4	4	PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Greater Boston	Viewer Favorites			Viewer Favorites		
35	35	35	35	PBS-D	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	BBC World	Democratic National Convention (HDTV) (Live)				
68	68	68	68	TQS	Les Simpson	L'été est Flash	Ste-Madeleine	Prank du golf	Passager 57 ** (1992, Action) Wesley Snipes, Bruce Payne.			110 pour cent
23	23	23	23	96 BNN	Stars & Dogs	Business News	Market Call Tonight	Workopolis TV	Talking Tax	Taking Stock		Market Call
18	18	18	18	CNN	Democrat National Convention	Democrat National Convention	Democrat National Convention from Denver.					
54	54	54	54	GOLF	The Turn	Inside PGA	HSBC Champions Highlights	Natalie Guibis	Golf Central	Highway 18		Highway 18 (N)
52	52	52	52	RSE	Prime Time Sports		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Tampa Bay Rays. (HDTV) (Live)			Sportsnet Con.		
55	55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	EPL Retro	Football Factories		Score Tonight
45	45	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips		Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	Unique Whips	Low Life	SuperCars	Super Bikes!
53	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	U.S. Open Tennis First Round. (HDTV) From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (Live)					
43	43	43	43	FAM	Life Derek	Zoe 101	That's Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han, Montana	Life Derek
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37	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Bazart	Bravo!Videos	In the Shadow of the Blues	Cowboy Junkies: Trinity	Bravo! Concert	
97	97	97	97	CLT	Help TV		The West Wing		True Murder	Psychic Detect	Ext. Evidence	Traders
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49	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics!	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park
153	153	153	153	COURT	Missing Link		The Investigators		The Practice	Code Red: Moment of Survival	Investigators	
38	38	38	38	DISC	What's That About?		Daily Planet (N)		How It's Made	How It's Made	Mighty Ships "Resolute" (N)	After the Catch
34	34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	Dirty Business	Outside	Colin & Justin's Home Heist	The Stagers
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17	17	17	17	MM	Pimp My Ride	Technical Diff.	Greek "Pilot"		Born to Be	Instant Star	disBand	Technical Diff.
19	19	19	19	MMM	MusicProfile	mmmtop10.com		Where You At	Classic Albums	Listed		Rock-Cradle
201	201	201	201	M1	The Game of Their Lives		(8:15) Daddy Day Camp * (2007, Comedy), Paul Rae		The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy)			
48	48	48	48	OLN	Don't Forget Your Passport		Videos	Videos	Pilot Guides Specials	Word Travels	Strand-Peters	Departures
51	51	51	51	PEACH	Friends	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Client *** (1994, Suspense)	Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones.		
206	206	206	206	PIX	(6:45) Hard Core Logo *** (1996)		(8:25) The Boys Club (1997, Drama)		Stripes ** (1981, Comedy) Bill Murray.			
67	67	67	67	RDI	RDI en direct	RDI en direct	RDI en direct sur l'actualité		Grands reportages (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)		Convention
39	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Prions"		Blue Murder "Partners"	Trailer Park	Kenny-Spenny	CSI: NY
40	40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Till Debt-Part	Newlywed	In Laws	Shear Genius Stylists return.	Plastic-Perfect
47	47	47	47	SPACE	Relic Hunter		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager	Zombielandia	Battlestar Gal	
14	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.		CSI: Crime Scene Investg.		CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith		
98	98	98	98	STAR	eTalk: Music	Star Treatment	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	This Is Celine Dion	Tonight Show
21	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Wild Child: Feral Children		My Shocking Story: Half Man	Mystery Diagnosis	Family Guy	Seinfeld
34	34	34	34	TROP	Tube Tales	Vanity Insanity	News Show	News Show	ET Canada	What Happen?	La Prophétie d'Avignon	Balapan
20	20	20	20	TVS	Que-champion	Journal de Fr2	Toute une histoire		Pas bête "Un safari indien"	Eyes Down	On the Buses	Mystic Women
28	28	28	28	V	Mysterious Ways		Murder, She Wrote		Will & Grace	Friends	Maxed Out	Style by Jury
22	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House						
251	251	251	251	WGN	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh.					

critics' corner

The Devil Wears Prada

You thought your boss was difficult? A recent college graduate (Anne Hathaway) gets a crash course in landing arguably the most demanding boss on Earth (Meryl Streep, who plays it to the hilt) at a fashion magazine in this enjoyable 2006 comedy, adapted from Lauren Weisberger's best-seller. The dismayed newcomer's job is made even tougher by a competitive fellow assistant (Emily Blunt). 10 PM on M1



House
Does "too good to be true" equal "sick"? If so, maybe being a jerk is a symptom, too. In "No More Mr. Nice Guy," House (Hugh Laurie) and his team suspect that their patient's (Paul Rae) excessive niceness is a symptom of trouble in his brain. And House's fellows wonder if their boss's obnoxiousness might also have an organic cause. House and Amber (Anne Dudek) butt heads over spending time with Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard). 9 PM on FOX

The Bravo! Concert Hall

Formerly called "Live at the Rehearsal Hall" before its television home was purchased by another network, this concert series features Dallas Green of Alexisonfire fame. He's an eclectic musician and relishes the opportunity to play a variety of musical styles for fans of the rock group and his more mellow solo act, City and Colour. 11 PM on BRAVO

Celebrity Buzz

Bynes blamed for car mishap

ACCIDENT Police have determined actress Amanda Bynes is to blame for a car accident that left another driver with minor injuries, imdb.com reports.

Bynes, 22, was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol when she caused the collision this past weekend in Los Angeles, authorities confirm.

"Ms. Bynes was driving a BMW when she made an unsafe turn and another car hit her," Sgt. Murrel

Pettway of the Los Angeles Police Department said.

"It was determined that she was at fault, but no crime was committed. The other driver complained of minor injuries. Drugs and alcohol were not involved. It was just a typical car accident."

"There was no serious damage to either vehicle."

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'Silly' media, pills aren't for Posh!

PEPOLE Former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham has spoken out against claims she uses diet pills, branding the false reports "silly," imdb.com reports.

A representative for Beckham, 34, announced earlier this month the star's plans to sue British magazine *Now* after it alleged she takes slimming tablets to lose weight.

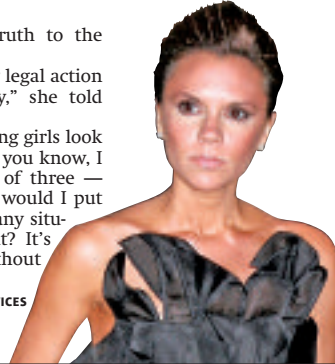
Now the fashion designer herself has addressed the controversy, insisting

there is no truth to the speculation.

"I am taking legal action as it's so silly," she told FoxNews.com.

"I know young girls look up to me and, you know, I am a mother of three — how and why would I put my health in any situation like that? It's totally without foundation."

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celebrity brief

Winehouse's mother-in-law on singer: Lock 'er up

INCARCERATION Forget rehab — singer Amy Winehouse should be behind bars, the *New York Daily News* reports her mother-in-law as saying.

"Prison will do Amy far more good than rehab," Georgette Civil told *Britain's News of the World*. "The police ... should arrest her and put her behind bars ... She's got to learn the hard way."

Rumours surfaced that

Winehouse, 24, was planning to enter a rehab facility near the jail where her husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, is serving time. Winehouse's rep has since shot down the reports.

According to Civil, jail helped her son kick his notorious drug habit. "Prison worked for Blake. It's the only thing that can now save Amy," she said.

Winehouse checked in-

to rehab in late January after a 19-minute video surfaced of the singer allegedly smoking a pipe and allegedly admitting that she had just taken six tablets of Valium. She was also caught on tape in July allegedly snorting cocaine while DJing at a London pub.

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Fresh vows for Madonna, Ritchie

MARRIAGE Pop star Madonna and her filmmaker husband Guy Ritchie said "I do" again, perezhilton.com reports.

An insider reveals to the *Daily Mail* that the couple recently renewed their wedding vows at a private Kabbalah ceremony in London.

Madonna supposedly flew her Kabbalah teacher over from Los Angeles to conduct the proceedings. "It was very intimate and

both Guy and Madonna made vows to each other and pledged to try to make their marriage strong again," the source said.

"The ceremony lasted about an hour. They turned up at the kabbalah centre in their gym clothes and changed into white robes. Everyone at the centre hopes that they will get through their recent rough patch."

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Aniston disses plastic surgery

LOOKS Jennifer Aniston has ruled out plastic surgery, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She says the only reason she would consider surgery would be medical purposes.

"I once had the degree of my deviated septum operated on," she said. "Since then, I can breathe much better and sleep nights like a baby. The rest of my body is all mine. And absolutely natural. And it's going to stay that way. I am very satisfied with what God gave me."

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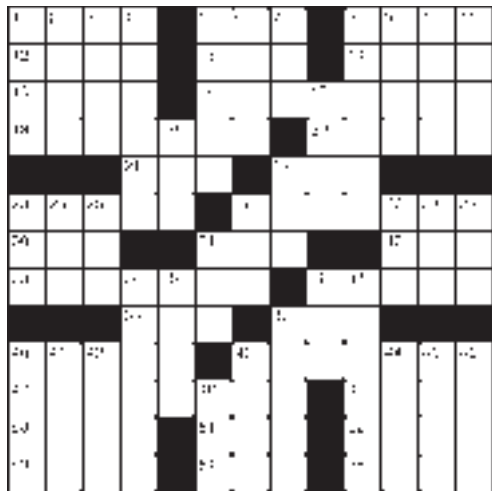
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Fling with Emma Roberts?

Actor Alex Pettyfer has admitted he enjoyed a fling with actress Julia Roberts' niece Emma Roberts on the set of their latest film Wild Child. Although the pair is no longer together, the actor insists they are still on good terms. **IMDb.com**

Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Gridlock sound
- 2 Stratagem
- 3 Speedy steed
- 4 Look-alike
- 5 Moist in the morn
- 6 Messes up
- 7 Mainlander's memento
- 8 Spider's creation
- 9 Luau dance
- 10 Works with
- 11 Netting
- 17 Zinger
- 19 Parcel of land
- 22 Lubricate
- 23 Playground pastime
- 24 Green, in a sense
- 25 Pen point
- 26 Serbian city
- 27 Fond du —, Wisc.
- 28 Wapiti
- 29 James Bond, e.g.
- 31 Kitten's call
- 34 Under-the-table payments
- 35 Leopold's partner
- 36 Bill
- 37 Optimally
- 39 Having a persistent odor
- 40 Blue hue
- 41 — ho (zealous)
- 42 Taunt
- 43 Tolerate
- 44 Tardy
- 45 Cupid's alias
- 46 Venetian blind part
- 48 Prune

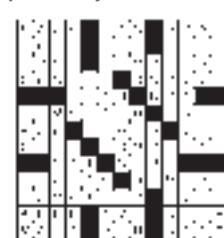
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Crossword across

- 1 Actor Pitt
- 5 Canto preceder
- 8 One of the gang
- 12 Mark replacement
- 13 Earlier than
- 14 River of England
- 15 Jacob's brother
- 16 Bounces a basketball
- 18 Wilma's daughter
- 20 Flooded
- 21 Depressed
- 22 Raw rock
- 23 Doctrine
- 26 Fishermen's hopes
- 30 Expert
- 31 Wire measure
- 32 High mountain
- 33 Talks turkey?
- 36 Gauche
- 38 Tier
- 39 WWE surface
- 40 Texas A&M athlete

- 43 Lawrence Welk trademark
- 47 Nitpicks
- 49 Count counterpart
- 50 Cease to exist, old-style
- 51 Hearty tree
- 52 Old portico
- 53 Quite some time
- 54 Get nosy
- 55 Criterion

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Have a serious chat with snobs. Vengeful remarks will fail to wound. A stranger's pep talk is loaded with wisdom.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Forgiveness lies in store at home. Hide the evidence of your bad habits. An elder wants you to share bad news.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Your dread of surprises will wane. An outlandish situation will be changed. Don't commit to anything right now.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A lie will cause a quarrel. Be friendlier with a strange woman. Someone looks to you for inspiration.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A rival is crushed by a dream that comes true. Giving your opinion can win over a new contact. New rules will be brought down.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Confusion about a friend's carelessness becomes tiring. It's time to wind up old business. A loner agonizes about a terrible decision.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A passionate reaction will cause grief. A hysterical person will speak the truth. A woman needs no lessons on mind games.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

You'll feel frisky with someone you meet. A confident person reveals an obvious solution. Have an insightful dialogue about your issues.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Running an errand will get you out of a bad place. Expect a pessimist to support you. Perform spontaneous acts of kindness.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A volatile person will give you good news. A specialist will be raring to go. Be rational when you're feeling left out of things.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Your self-esteem will get a boost. Don't alarm others by being too fascinating. A problematical person will show a willingness to listen.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A playmate wants things to change. An empty-headed man's gibberish will confuse everyone. Family health concerns must be dealt with.

Sudoku

			7	4				9
8						4	5	6
		6					3	
			9	3				2
	1		4		7		9	
3				5	1			
	5					1		
2	7	8						4
6				2	9			

previous day's answer

3	7	2	1	5	9	6	4	8
4	8	9	3	6	2	7	5	1
5	1	6	8	7	4	9	3	2
8	2	5	4	9	3	1	6	7
1	6	4	7	8	5	2	9	3
7	9	3	6	2	1	5	8	4
6	4	8	9	1	7	3	2	5
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9	5	1	2	3	8	4	7	6

WORDY GURDY



HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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13-17: Scholar

17-21: Smart
21-25: Not bad
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18°

Tonight

60%
Rain.
13°

Wednesday

40%
Showers.
22° / 14°

Thursday

40%
Showers.
21° / 13°

Friday

40%
Showers.
21° / 17°

Temperature Normals
High: 21.6°
Low: 13°

Records
High: 31.8°/1993
Low: 6.7°/1981

Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.
Sunset: 8:00 p.m.
Moonrise: 1:02 a.m.
Moonset: 5:41 p.m.

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